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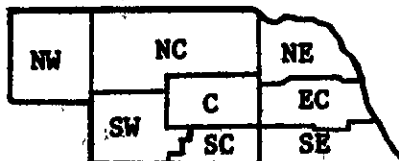
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WEATHER

Showers occurred at the beginning of the week producing from a few hundredths up to a half inch of rainfall and snow. The snow occurred mainly in the western portion. Temperatures averaged from five to eight degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Excellent fall weather last week across most of the State allowed row crop harvesting to continue at a rapid pace, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain, and some snow in the west, slowed fieldwork early in the week but statewide, there was an average of 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. In the West, sugar beet harvest continued and dry edible bean harvest was nearly complete. Main activities, besides harvest, consisted of fall tillage and moving cattle to graze corn stalks.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 65% short and 35% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 82% short and 18% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 50% short and 50% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 67% short and 33% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest advanced to nearly one week ahead of the 5-year average at 60% complete. This compares with 75% last year and 48% average. The crop was drying

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down well in the East with the week's warm, windy weather.

Sorghum harvest advanced to 65% complete, compared with 87% in 1988 and 56% average. Some fields in the East, with regrowth and second heading, needed the heavy frost received late last week to stop growth and allow drydown.

Soybean harvest was about 13 days ahead of average, although a few days behind last year's pace. Harvest was 88% complete compared with 93% in 1988 and 65% average. Some late season disease problems caused by wet, cool weather in August and September may have reduced yields in some central counties.

Winter wheat condition was 1% very poor, 41% fair, 49% good and 9% excellent. The crop was making good growth in the East but needs more rain to continue with favorable development. Russian wheat aphids were reported in a few fields in the West.

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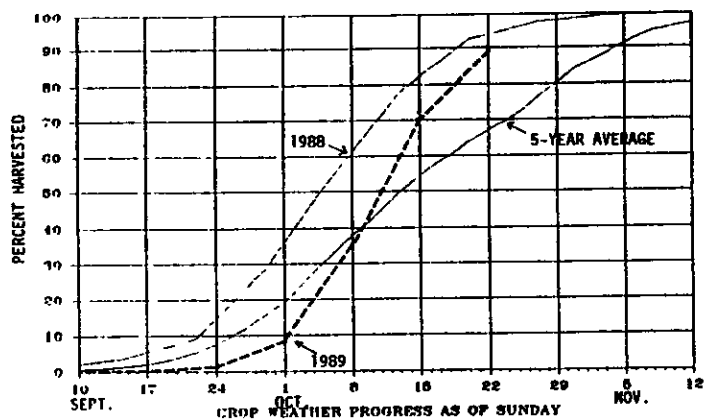
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 15% very short, 54% short and 31% adequate. Hay and roughage supplies rated 11% very short, 26% short and 63% adequate. Many cattle were being moved to graze crop residues in most areas. Cattlemen in the West were weaning calves and moving some to market.

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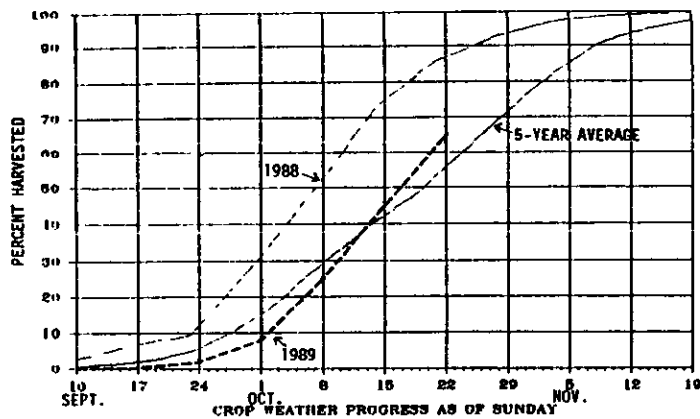
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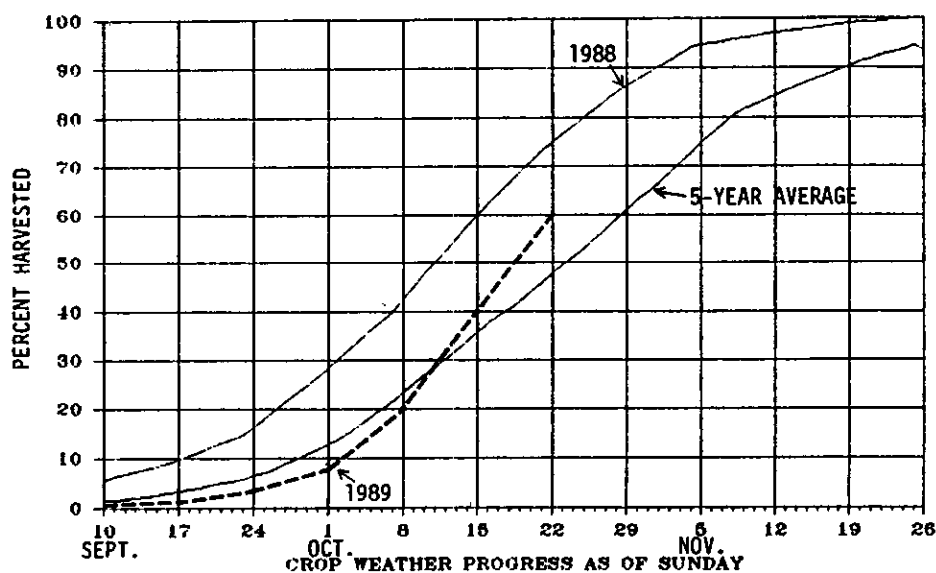
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



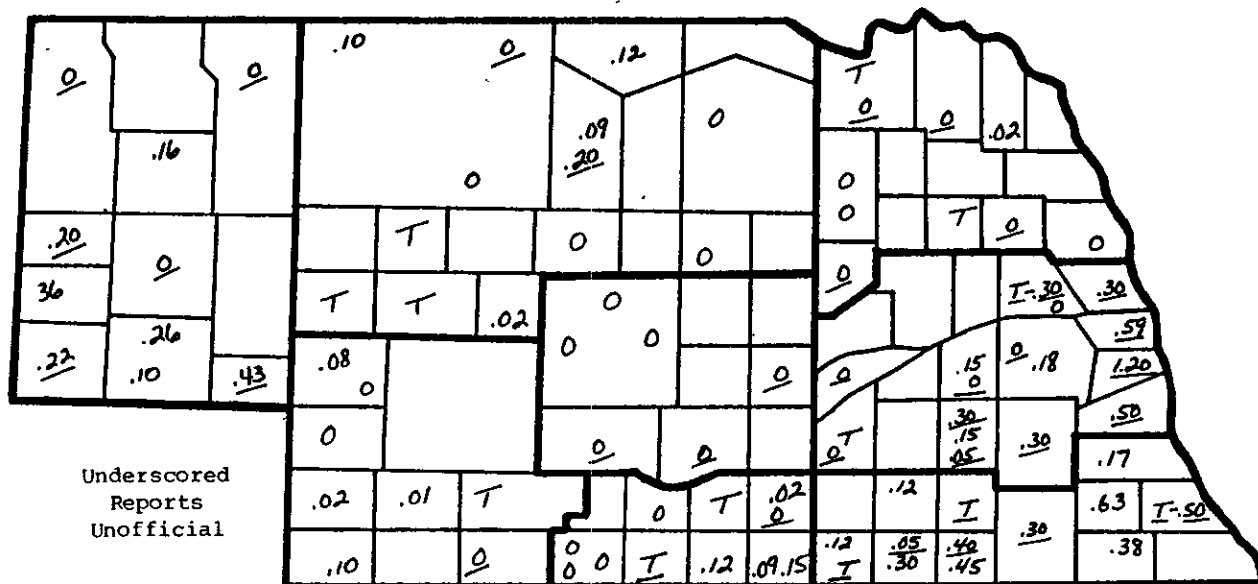
NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1989



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1989

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	78	15	48	--	.60
	Scottsbluff	77	17	43	-6	.12
	Sidney	76	17	43	--	.15
NC	Ord	82	12	43	--	0
	Valentine	81	13	43	-5	.05
NE	Norfolk	81	15	44	-7	.01
	Sioux City	78	19	44	-7	T
CEN	Grand Island	80	18	45	-7	T
EC	Lincoln	74	20	45	-8	.07
	Omaha	71	25	45	-8	.07
SW	Imperial	82	11	44	--	.01
	North Platte	83	11	43	-6	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.